History of Gottfried Buhler in
his own handwriting. (Given to me by Glenna McBride)

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I was born of gosly Parents namly
Ulrich Bühler and Anna Burgdorffer Buhler
in a little town named Gunten on
the shores of Lake Tun Kanton Berne
Swizerland on the 28. of Oct. 1854.
we lived in said Town until the Spring
of 1860 when Father sold out aming to
emigrat to Utah, but after he had sold
the President of the Swis and German
Mission told him he could not
emigrate he was needed out there
(for he was a great missionary bringing
hundret in to church) he thauth
it was not fare from the President
to not let him emigrate after he sold
out, he made it a matter of prayr
and then dagedcuts and it happen
to turn out that he was to stay out
there, he then went to see a man with
the name of Christian Burger one of his
converts to the the Gospel, who had
a smal farm of about 15 ack about 10
miles from were we lived he bought
his farm, and Burger Emigrated with
his wife and familie, having only
one month to prepare for the Emigrater
we moved to that farm in the Spring
of 1860. I was sick when we moved and had
Scalatk feber the had hire a man to
carry me on his back to that new home

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I was disgusted with the new home for we left a nice 3 story house to one old farm house that looked like old stable, we lived there for 12 years before father was able to sale so that was full 18 years that father was a missionary in Switzerland bringing converts several hundred of them in to the Church of Christ we lived there on that Place us children going to shool having to walk about two miles, I was of school age 6 wenn we got there going 10 years to shool completed my schooling one year before we Emigrated to Utah.
in the year of 1872 in June we Emigrated to Utah arriving in Salt Lake City on the fourth of July 1872 at about 9 P.m. I staid for about 10 days in Cottenwood at Christian Bergers and then father Crist. Berger and myself walked up thrught Big Cottenwood canyon and cam to Midway where fathers Brothers resided, we liked Midway a lot better than Cottenwood, the next day Christ Berger walked back home the way we came, father stayed a few days and then I went back to Salt Lake to get the rest of the familie a young man with the Name of Christ Bergner

from Midway with horseteam went with father to get mother and Children they got back to midway in about a week, and took resident in a little log house belonging to old man Moser. About two weeks after myself and about 3 or four other man walked over the hills to the west in to American fork Canion were the were building a Railroad at the time the Companies where about half way down the Canion working there were a bos with the name of young were there were all German speaking men in his Co. the most of them I knew for they were returned missionaries whom I had often seen in Switzerland, this man Young would not hire me, for I was only a stripling of a boy of 17, one of the men Bro Gass with man told me to go down to another Comp. he told me how to ask for work, Will you please give me work" I went about a half mile farther down finding a Co. its bos where midle aged man with the name of Charly, I went up to him saying these words I had learned from Bro. Gass. he nod his head motion to me to come with him he got me a shofel put me to Work with two young men loding a wellbarow

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the looked an one of tow was
Weling while tow of us were loding
it, the keep talling me not to work
so hard, finely the bos cam and
told not to work so hard. After
eight days, on a Sunday I leaft camp
to visit some german People about
a quater of a mile below as I got there
someone halared the Sawmill was
a fire there was part of an old sawmill
a few slaps a part of roof there and
I had my bed there all was a blaze
when I got back there, there wer noth-
ing leaft for me to do but to go home
when I got to the head of canion
it was dark. I missed my trail and
got lost in the tops of the Mountain
there I had a Wonderfull expierient
and moracles rescue by the Lord God,
but finaly got home that next morning.
in the fall I went to Cottonwood now
called Murray I got work at the
Germanbig smelter that had started
to build up and I boarded at my
Brotherin Law worked there about
tiwo years in the refinery. In 1875 I
went to nevada got work in Eureka
City working in a refinery about two
months but got sik and quit that place

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I then trafled sout about 60 miles and found work at a hay at duk water worked there about three months and then started south on a pony that I bought got Peotch from there on down thruth Utah making for home camping were ever night overtook in the Sagebrush cayotis howling all about me. I got home at the later end of Nov. next spring I went out to duk water again with a friend of mine named Fred Steiner got work there and returned in September on horseback to Utah on the old overland road comming by Stocton the next Winter I with other went to work above Park City chopind wood hahling it to the Wasath mill in Park City from then on I worked in the hills around Park City untill 1880. In that year I got married to Louisa Barber on the 9 day of Dec. in Indowment House Salt Lake City two years previes I had build one room house and the same summer I got marrid I had adit 2 more rooms to my house and finished them during the Winter of 1880.

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from time I got married I staid at home farming what little land I had 26 acre in all and doing Carpenter work between farming.
In the year 1888 I was caled to go on a mission to Swizerland and Germany leaft Salt Lake City on the 10. of Oct. in Company with 28 Elders to diferent part of Europa, I was apointed to labor in Thuor and Simenthal Conf. untill marth the following Spring in conection with Bro Knuty from Buerlake then I was caled to go to Germany to the City of Munich Bavaria, where I labored for Eleven months whit barely god success but I had to work secrecly the Policman were Watchin me constandly I was calld eight times before the Police Court in that City but they could never proof anything againts me I established a Branch of over 30 members, the folloing year 12 of my Conferts Emigrated to Utah.
from Munich I was caled to go to the Citys of Fuerth and Nurnberg were I found Elder Alfred Boutch from Bear Lake a Young missionary we labored together for nearly two months he was caled to go to England and soon after was

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relised to return home I was then alone again with a logal Elder Brai Peter Strebel, we had farely good success about a month after Bough Leaft Brother Wm. Preston from Salt Lake was sent to me as dssistens, we had farely good succes in that field we held meetings every Sunday mostly out in the Groves of Timber the mimbers of the two Citys constituded on branch. One Sunday in the month of July we were holding a meeting in the afternoon when a lot of detectives and Policemen rushed in on us while holding meeting they took what Books I had, a Bible and songbook was all for they cath one Pocachin Bro. Preston sneked away thrught the Timber me and Strebel where leaft alone to face the Policmen we soon got through with them and went our way. We had gathered for meeting in the same grove going thrugth a smal villag) for many Sunday and nearly the Villag was so interested in one meeting asspessly in our singing that nearly all turned out to meetings, Sundays afternoon that Village was nearly deserted the Burgermister of that villag had complained at headquaters about us and that is why

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the Policemen had com in on us but I soon found a nother grove to hold ouer meetings in, from that time on we held two meetings per Week ons on Sunday and a nother on Tursday night by some of the members of church a complaint was send in to Minsterium at München about me holding meetings by Police, in three months after came a letter from hedqurters nothifying me that I was banished from said Kingdome alowing me three day to get out of it. the Books that the Policemen had taken from me one were leying on the table in my room with said letter, and also a letter from the mission headquaters stating that I was relised to returne home I fond all wen I got to my room in the evening of that day in November soon after I had returned from my Mission I started to make cheese. I went up to Caschwally to Wellsville to a cheese factory to learn about the American Chese making bought a whole cheesemaking outfit there and soon went in business in Ernest Latter on I also build a Store and was in Mercatile business for about 12 years.

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In the year 1914 my Wife Louisa Barben Buhler died being only 40 years of age She was a very Loving good Wife She had born me 12 Children 9 Boys and 3 Girls namely Franklin Buhler whom was born in 1883 died when 3 years old, Wm. J. B 1885, Joseph B. 1887, Alma H. B 1892, adeline L. b. 1893, Francis L. B. 1895, Epher W. B 1897 Karl R. B, 1899, Orson E. B 1902, Beanice E, 1904, Vesta A. B. 1906, Thurmen J. B. 1908. In one year after my wife died I got very Sick for about 3 months in the year 1915 I married again a widow with the name of Mari Burkhardt from Switzerland after we ben married 17 years She died and was burried on the 1. day Feb 1932.